

Multicultural New Towns Heritage Project



Enriching lives through
Arts and Culture



Rukhsana Malik

Rukhsana was born in Bletchley. Her family originally comes from Pakistan but all the children were born in the UK. When she was growing up there were not many ethnic minorities, so she found living there quite difficult. Rukhsana was the first Muslim person to attend her school and probably the first person of colour. She faced a lot of racism. Her father faced a lot of racism when trying to find work as there would be signs saying 'No jobs for Asians. No jobs for Blacks'.

She can remember when Central Milton Keynes first opened and she would walk from Bletchley to Central Milton Keynes. She has noticed a wider diversity of people moving to Milton Keynes in the last ten years.

Rukhsana loves Milton Keynes because of its green spaces, the range of things available to do and the atmosphere. She thinks there are lots of spaces for children and opportunities for businesses. Rukhsana's favourite place in Milton Keynes is Willen Lake and Bow Brickhill because it has a good view of the whole of Milton Keynes.

Milton Keynes is home for Rukhsana. She acknowledges that she comes from Pakistan and that is her heritage, but she was born in Milton Keynes and it's where she has lives and works. She wants the next generation to be more accepting of one another as human beings. She wants peace to be installed in her children and wants them to be the best versions of themselves.

